

"To learn to love books and reading is one of the best things that can happen to anybody."



tions of children, and which children today are still asking their near and dear to repeat and repeat. There are many versions and tellings of old fairy tales in print, and unfortunately they are not all as inspiring as they might be. Some outstanding ones, however, which show respect for their traditional source material are **The Golden Goose Book** by Leslie Brooke, **Tales from Grimm** by Wanda Gag, and **English Fairy Tales** by Flora Annie Steele.

A girl came to the library desk with the books she wanted for the weekend—**The Jungle Book**, **Treasure Island**, and **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**. In answer to the librarian's query she said, "Oh, yes. I've read them before. But they're too good to leave lying in the library." These are certainly some of the books that are too good to leave lying unused anywhere, for they have the kind of adventure, humour and beauty that is all the richer for being shared. Your local library will be able to suggest many more titles, both for the family to enjoy together, and also to satisfy the individual tastes of its various members.

During Young Canada's Book Week, which is being celebrated from November 15th to the 22nd, it will be particularly worth while to follow the library's activities. The purpose of the Week is to emphasize the importance of seeing that children have opportunities to experience the best books we can offer them, and the library naturally does its best to forward this aim. "Do you know?" announced one boy triumphantly during Book Week last year, "I've read quite a few good books. It's getting so that when you say, 'Have you read such-and-such?' why, sometimes I have!"

Following is a list of the books mentioned. Publishers' or agents' names are given, the Canadian agents in parenthesis. The address of all of these is Toronto.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter. Warne (Saunders).

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking-Glass, by Lewis Carroll. Macmillan (New Children's Classics) (Brett-Macmillan, Galt.)

Lavender's Blue, compiled by Kathleen Lines. Oxford.

The Wind in the Willows, by Kenneth Grahame. Methuen (Ryerson Press).

The Cambridge Book of Poetry for Children, edited by Kenneth Grahame. Cambridge University Press. (Macmillan of Canada.)

Nonsense Omnibus, by Edward Lear. Warne (Saunders).

The Golden Goose Book, by L. Leslie Brooke. Warne (Saunders).

Tales from Grimm, translated and illustrated by Wanda Gag. Coward (Longmans, Green).

English Fairy Tales, by Flora Annie Steel. Macmillan (Brett-Macmillan, Galt.)

The Jungle Book, by Rudyard Kipling. Macmillan (Macmillan of Canada.)

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson. Dent.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain. Harper (Musson).

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The world is a looking glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it and it in turn will look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly, kind companion. —*William Makepeace Thackeray.*

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